



WASHINGTON STATE Grange News

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WA State Grange Legislative Day Another Great Success

The Washington State Grange held their Annual Legislative Day on February 20. More than thirty Grangers gathered at the State Grange Office in Olympia for orientation, a legislative briefing and preparation for their legislative meetings.

Grangers then made the trek

to the State Capitol Building for tours, legislative meetings, and sat in on committee hearings. The State Grange made appointments for each attendee to meet with their State Representatives and Senator. Time between appointments was filled with attending hearings of the Senate

and House Committees.

Grange members made their way back to the State Grange headquarters for lunch and were able to listen to various speakers. This year's speakers included Diana Carlen from the Washington Association of Wheat Growers who discussed the issues

regarding the Columbia and Snake River Dams, Kathleen Collins of the Washington Water Policy Alliance discussed with the group about water issues important to agriculture and Mark Streuli from the Washington Cattlemen's Association discussed bills of concern.

Following lunch and additional meetings, State Grange Master Tom Gwin led a smaller group discussion on the resolution writing process and the grassroots development of Grange policy. Resolutions for consideration at this year's State Grange

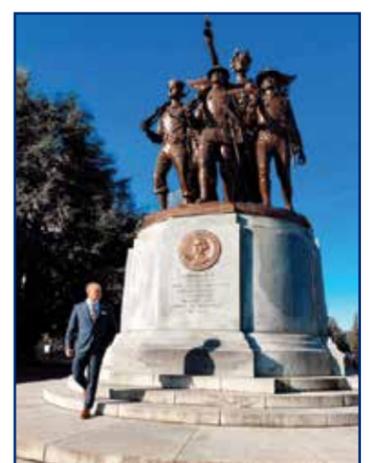
Convention are due by May 24 to the State Grange Office. All policies can be found in the Washington State Grange Legislative Policy Handbook, available on the Washington State Grange website.

It was a great day for the Grange and agriculture in the State of Washington!

April 2020 issue deadline – March 15th
Submissions can be sent to grangenews@wa-grange.org

**More information on
Legislative Day can be
found on Page 2!**

**Pictured Right: Marcus
Dingman at the Washington
State Grange Legislative Day.**



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming State Grange Events

- MARCH 6-8, 2020**.....State Grange Teen Getaway Weekend @ Moses Lake
- MARCH 15**.....Humptulips Grange 100th Anniversary Celebration, 2 p.m.
- MARCH 27**.....State Grange Standing (Intersession) Committee Meetings.
- MARCH 27-28, 2020**.....State Grange Deputies, Officers, and Pomona Masters Conference @ Olympia
- MARCH 31**.....Grange Camp Directors Meeting, 11 a.m. at Olympia
- APRIL 1**.....State Grange Scholarship Applications Due
- APRIL 15**.....Secretary Report (First Quarter) Due to State Grange Office
- APRIL 15**.....Nominations for Community Service Recognition Awards Due to State Grange Office
- APRIL 23**.....State Grange Executive Committee Meeting
- APRIL 25**.....Quimper Grange 100th Anniversary Celebration
- JUNE 1**.....Community Service Reports Due to State Grange Office
- JUNE 21-26**.....Wooten Junior Grange Camp
- JUNE 24-27, 2020**.....131st Annual Session of the Washington State Grange @ Walla Walla County Fairgrounds
- JULY 5-10**.....Camp David Junior Grange Camp
- JULY 12-18**.....Morehead Junior Grange Camp
- JULY 19-25**.....NEWA Junior Grange Camp
- JULY 19-26**.....Mayfield Junior Grange Camp
- AUGUST 2-7**.....Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp
- AUGUST 7-9, 2020**.....Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference @ Boise, ID
- NOVEMBER 17-21, 2020**.....154th Annual Session of the National Grange @ Valley Forge, PA

Legislative Day A Great Success

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Goldendale Grangers At Legislative Day

Goldendale Grange sent a delegation of five to Olympia on Thursday, February 20 to participate in Washington State Grange Legislative Day. Promoting individual involvement in the legislative process and advocating for rural America is one of the core values of the Grange organization.



With Legislation in constant change, WA State Grange President Tom Gwin and WSG Legislative Lobbyist, Heather Hansen, provided us with a current update on important bills before we headed to the hill. It is interesting to note that even though this is a short 60 day session over 3,000 bills have been introduced. This being mid-point of the 2020 session, any proposed bill that has not been introduced in front of the Senate or House of Representatives will automatically be dropped from the current agenda. Our group was extremely fortunate that our 14th District Legislators; Rep. Chris Corry, Rep. Gina Mosbrucker, and Senator Curtis King, were able to take time out of their hectic schedules to meet with us. Former Senator Jim Honeyford, even provided us with a quick greeting. Our major talking points were centered around legislation affecting rural Klickitat County and the Agriculture Community. We had a very successful day – only wish more people would become involved in the process.

Pictured above - in front of Capital - Lucille Bevis, Sydney Prociw, Colby Valledares, Daniel Lefever, Richard Lefever - Goldendale Grange Members Lanae and Steve Johnson met with us in Olympia.

Here are a few things that members had to say about their day:

Marcus Dingman, St. Andrews Grange said; “Always a good time visiting with fellow Grangers from around the state and exercising our voices with our senators and legislators. As a farmer and a Granger, as a young person, I have a responsibility to share my experiences of what works and what doesn’t with our elected officials and what a memorable time it was.”

Rodger Lance, Washington Grange said; “Heather had mentioned taking the Capital tour which I did with a couple other Grangers. Part of the tour got us into the Rotunda room where the Governor entertains special guests. What a beautiful room. So much history. After coming back from the meeting, I was inspired to try putting a special workshop together in our county to work on legislative issues. Granges in general do not have the ability to respond to immediate issues, but by following the issues of today, we can add or adjust our positions in our Legislator Handbook for future sessions. This allows our legislative lobbyist to have the ability to give testimony during future hearings. Great job in putting the Legislative Days together.”

Lucille Bevis, Centerville Grange said; “It was an enjoyable and informative day. I especially appreciated the speakers as their topics were very appropriate for what is happening in Washington State and agriculture today. Also, we were able to meet with our Legislators and discuss our issues and hear where they stand which is with us.”

A Legislative Day Moment ...

A memorable moment during Legislative Day, for Sydney Prociw of Goldendale, didn’t take place at the Capital but on an extended walking tour of Olympia and the Capitol Campus. She spotted a plaque in front of the Old Capitol Building, now the home of the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding women gaining the right to vote in 1910. Sydney, young, full of energy and with a keen interest in the Grange organization consulted her smart phone for more details. She shared: Washington was one of the first states to give women voting privileges. The Washington State Grange was a major supporter of the Women’s Suffrage Movement. The National Grange was the first fraternal organization to include women as equals to men and special grange officer positions were included that only women could fill. Finally, on the long trip home she shared this quote from - Washington State Grange – History Link, essay #1070;

Arabella Hall (1838-1918), worked on the creation of the organization and convinced the founders that the Grange could succeed only if women were given a central role and full equality. The men were listening -- the Grange has never relegated women to auxiliary groups, but accepts them as fully empowered members, eligible for election to any office.”



“Although inspired by the Masons, the Grange differed from other fraternal groups of the day in one very important respect. Kelley’s wife’s niece, Caroline

By-Laws

Pine Grove Grange #115 will be voting on a change in their dues March 18th at 3:30 pm at the home of Jim and Bonnie Lyle Colfax. Potluck to follow meeting.

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President's Message

Leadership Conferences Completed; A Newly Organized Grange On The Horizon

By Tom Gwin
State Grange
Master/President

Thank you to the multitude of Grange members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend one of our Grange Leadership Conferences. With a theme of "Cultivating Connections", the conferences were an opportunity for myself and the State Grange Leadership Team to present you with new and creative resources to utilize at the local level. We hope you will take those resources back to your Granges and to use them to diversity your Grange projects and activities, thus attracting new members who may not have considered becoming a Grange member in the past.

We also took the time at these conferences to listen to your concerns and to provide answers to your questions regarding the activities of the State Grange. We will continue to listen to our members and to respond by creating inventive projects and activities that you can continue to build your Grange.

Thank you to our Grange hosts of the leadership conference series: Fords' Prairie, East Oakville, Catlin, Hazel Dell, Moses Lake, Buena, Centerville, Prospect Point, Oroville, Addy, Five Mile Prairie, Laurel, Quimper, Kellogg Marsh, Steele Lake Highline, and Whitman County Pomona. Your hospitality was wonderful and greatly appreciated.

On the last weekend in March,

we will hold our annual Grange Deputy, State Officers, and Pomona Masters Conference in Olympia. Thank you to Brighton Park and South Union Granges for the use of their hall and for hosting this conference. On Friday, March 27, we will exemplify the first four degrees of the order. All Grange members are invited to join us to observe this important part of our Grange ritual and history and the

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-- Tom Gwin

lessons of agriculture in those degrees. We will start the exemplification at 7 p.m. at the Brighton Park Grange Hall in Tumwater.

The State Grange Convention will be here before we know it! The Convention Kick Off Meeting was held in January and included a tour of the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds. Following the tour, we travelled to the Prospect Point Grange Hall and were treated to a baked potato bar luncheon by the host committee. State Officers and Directors met with local committee chairs to



Tom Gwin

start the planning for this year's convention. The host committee is moving right along in their preparations. Thank you to the Columbia County Pomona Grange for hosting this meeting.

Now for the great news..... We received a call in the State Grange Office from an individual desiring to reorganize Birdsvew Grange. Sophia Keller and I made the trek to Concrete in Skagit County to meet with this group. By the end of the meeting, we had a charter application completed and membership applications and dues for 17 new Grange members. We have submitted their charter application to the National Grange. On March 2, I will be going back to Concrete to obligate the new members. I have asked Lacey Rude, Skagit Pomona Master, to obligate the new members. She has agreed to the task. Watch next month for pictures and more information on this new Grange.

We will work to provide resources that can be used by the Subordinate Granges to promote their Grange and increase membership. We will also work to increase opportunities for more fellowship amongst our members. Stay tuned next month to learn our next step as we continue cultivating the connections that will increase the visibility of our Granges in every community across the state!

Legislative

Legislative Session In The Final Weeks

By Heather Hansen
Legislative Lobbyist



Heather Hansen

As of this writing, a little more than two weeks remain in the legislative session. We have passed three cutoff dates and many bills have died. Draft budgets have been proposed. Creative legislators introduced new bills even after cutoff dates. It's more difficult to get a bill passed that way, but in the legislative process, all rules can be suspended if enough legislators want it to happen.

Gun Control

Let's take a look at the current status of gun control bills. The Attorney General's proposed bills to ban high capacity magazines are dead, but after cutoff, a group of Democratic Representatives introduced a new bill limiting magazines to fifteen rounds. The new bill has a title nearly two pages long. Titles are supposed to be limited to one subject. The extremely long title is a gimmick to limit amendments. House Republicans killed the original bill by proposing 120 floor amendments. Amendments must fit under the title of the bill. The new version includes a buyback program that would allow the Washington State Patrol to pay people who turn in up to five large magazines. It is unlikely the new proposal will make it through the process.

Bills that would have required training to get a concealed pistol license also died.

A bill (SB 5434) prohibiting firearms and other weapons, including certain types of knives, on the premises of childcare centers is still moving. It is already illegal to possess such weapons on school premises, with exceptions for law enforcement and a few other scenarios. This bill would add childcare centers to the existing prohibition for schools.

Another gun related bill that is moving is HB 2467 which would centralize gun-purchase background checks under the Washington State Patrol. The National Rifle Association and the Alliance for Gun Responsibility both support the bill.

Beef

Numerous bills related to meat labeling and marketing were introduced this year. One that is still moving is SB 6382 which directs the Washington State Department of Agriculture to work with USDA to develop a state meat inspection program and help farmers interested in selling meat directly to consumers by retail cut rather than in large quantities. It is an effort to help smaller livestock operations with more flexible options for marketing.

State Budget

The legislature received good news with the recent budget forecast. The strong economy is expected to increase tax revenue. Total revenue for the current biennium (July 2019 - June 2021) is projected to be more than \$52.3 billion. That's an increase of 13.6% over the 2017-19 biennium. Revenue collections for the 2021-23 budget are projected at \$55.7 billion, and revenues for the 2023-25 budget are projected to be \$59.2 billion. This additional revenue allows budget writers to increase funding in areas such as housing, early learning and mental health. Other legislators have proposed returning some of the money back to citizens through property tax relief. That is unlikely to happen in the Democratically controlled legislature.

Grange Legislative Day

A big thank-you to all who participated in the Washington State Grange Legislative Day here in Olympia. It was exciting to see another great turnout. I enjoyed hearing your thoughts and appreciate hearing your views and concerns. Please let me know how we can make it even better next year.

Grange Provides Grassroots, Nonpartisan Advocacy

Due to the tumultuous times that led to the creation of the Grange in 1867, our by-laws dictate that our organization abstain from supporting candidates along the very lines that divided the country and led to the succession of the confederate states. The divisions in our country created by this war, as well as union divisions, took years to heal and we strongly believe that national policy must be established through debate, but in collaboration and unity.

There are currently Granges operating in 35 states; representing more than 100,000 members throughout rural America. Grange Halls are the pillars of rural communities, dedicated to preserving vibrant and competitive hometowns where their citizens have access to the same quality education, health care and technologies as their urban counterparts.

Our policies at the State and National Grange are born from the local Granges across the country. Legislative proposals, called resolutions, are brought forth by members and debated by State Granges. Those that pass at the state level are brought before the National Grange Convention and debated, with passing resolutions becoming National Grange Policy, available in our Journal of Proceedings and Legislative Policy Books. Policy at the State and National Grange is developed by membership and implemented in a truly grassroots fashion.

The Grange is committed to an issue-based grassroots mechanism which allows us to support civic leaders based on policy rather than local politics. Although we do not support individual candidates, we strongly encourage our membership to engage in local politics and elections that can better the communities they serve. We open our Grange Halls for candidate debates, issue forums and other civic meetings and strongly believe that voting and participation in our governing systems is a civic responsibility.



From the beginning, supporting the private the Grange was an enterprise system. The organization developed success of these to protect farmer's cooperative efforts led interests and to to many ventures, one encourage working cooperative venture with others while that still exists today -

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The Membership Corner

Welcome New Members

GRANGES WITH MEMBERSHIP GAINS February 2020

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Dave Johnson, Eileen Johnson		
Baw Faw #342		
Bryon Kennedy, Farley Walker		
BeeHive #3853	2	
Kevin Newell, Lynn Newell, Alyssa Newell		
Calispel #5001		
Diane Stone		
Camas Valley #8423		
Miniffani James, Aeydin Newell, Lori Newell		
Dry Creek #6461		
Geri Thompson		
East Oakville #9026	1	
Liz Marriot, Tyler Marriot, Robin Witt, Kevin Witt Tammy Summers, Brian Summers		
Issaquah Valley #5812		
Marjorie Steffin, Paul E Gamman		
Mclane #3833		
Andrea Sehmel, William Truax, Arlen Veleke		
Moses Lake #11514		
Sandy Golob, Don Williamson, Lynette Williamson Steven McLain		
OakView #3111		
Sandra Lund		
Olalla #11251		
Brittany Villarreal		
Salmon Creek #8491		
William Baker		
Sequim Prairie #11081		
Debra Marshall		
Tieton #8752		
Michael Hugill, Joyce Powell		
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Growth Is A Wonderful Thing

The Leadership and Resources Conferences are officially over. It was a great experience for me as it was the first time, I had traveled with the leadership team. What a wonderful opportunity to see so much countryside of Washington State as well as all the differences we all face in our individual communities. It was fun to see my fellow Grangers in their home areas and to see such diversity we have amongst us throughout the state. The conferences were a great way to connect with so many of you I work with from a distance. So delightful to finally put a face to all of the names. And it was great to connect with so many Grangers I had not yet met or had the pleasure of speaking with in the past. Thank you all for taking time out of your days to come visit and learn with us.

We are beginning to see some growth in our Granges. Growth in Granges that in the past have not had any, continued growth in Granges who have great activities happening and growth in the ways our Granges are using tools like social media to help them

grow and teach our communities exactly what the Grange is. In the fourth quarter of 2019 we had reports of approximately 220 new members added as of this writing (some reports have not yet been received). This is one of the largest growth we have seen in a while. So, congratulations to all of you who added new members during this time! Let's double that number for the first quarter of 2020. Now to begin working on building our "net" gain.

We talked about this a lot throughout the state. Retaining your current members. So how do we do that?

I read an open letter in another organizations magazine that basically said, that if this gentleman did not hear from his lodge in that year, he would not be renewing his membership. Well, unfortunately, he did not hear from his lodge and decided to leave the organization. That is a shocking but maybe all to familiar letter. How many members have we lost for this vary reason? We may not have known this was the reason, but we can all assume

that this would be a very good reason.

It's important to remember that every single member on your membership list is important to the Grange. You may have your core members who do the bulk of the work but, you have members who are financially supportive, and you have those that may attend and help annual event. But ultimately, they are all important to the Grange as a whole. How can we get these members to be more active or productive in our Granges? Begin by inviting everyone on your membership list to every meeting, every event you hold, your monthly newsletter and anything else that is happening in your Grange. We never know when that very busy family is changing and now has more time to spare or if a person had a change in their lives that frees up more time for them or they feel the need to get more involved in their communities. I would love to hear from any of you as you receive messages or calls from these members that were not normally in your communications.

Humptulips Grange To Celebrate 100 Years

Humptulips Grange #730 will celebrate their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, March 15, 2020. The celebration will begin with dinner, served at 2 p.m., followed by a program. The program will include a presentation to 2019 National Grange Firefighter of the Year Larissa Rohr, a Captain in the Hoquiam Fire Department. The Grange will also make a presentation to nine-year old Jevan Morris, who was involved in a fireworks accident last summer.

Courtney Glenn, newly crowned Miss Grays Harbor 2020, and Sofia DeSilver, newly crowned Miss Grays Harbor Outstanding Teen 2020, are scheduled to perform at the celebration.

Membership awards will be presented. Included in this presentation will be an 80-year award to Victoria Fenton. Mrs. Fenton has been a member of Humptulips Grange for the entire 80 years.

The first meeting of Humptulips Grange #730 was held on March 15, 1919 in Krogstad's chicken house. The Grange built their own hall in the 1920's. The original hall burned in 1963. The Grange then leased to old Humptulips School until it burned in 1997. In 2015, the Grange purchased the former Kay Bernethy Community Center to be their new Grange Hall.

Grange members from across the state are invited to join us as we celebrate 100 years of service to our community.

GO MARINERS!

Washington State Grange **AUGUST 25, 2020**
@ T-Mobile Park **7:10 pm**



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To order tickets, fill out the form below and return it to the office or Mail to: PO Box 1186, Olympia, WA 98507-1186
 Deadline to order is August 5, 2020 | Questions? Contact Sophia at 360-943-9911 or skeller@wa-grange.org

GAME DATE: **Tampa Bay Rays vs. Mariners**
Thursday, August 25th, 2020
7:10 pm
MAIN level seats for \$30.00

- Bring out your family and friends and join the Grange at T-Mobile Park to watch some exciting Major League Baseball action.
- We have a large block of seats reserved for the game, so order your seats now and join us for some fun at the ballpark.
- Section 140, Rows 37-41

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE - AUGUST 25TH, 2020
 Deadline to Order : August 5th

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 If you would like to sit with another family, please
 place one order for the entire group.
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Grange Month

Grange Month Display Contest: "CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS"

Granges are encouraged to toot their own horn and the horns of other Granges as we celebrate Grange Month in April. The State Grange Membership Department is having a Grange Month Display Contest to assist in promoting the Grange and portraying the positive influences the Grange has made on our state and nation.

For over 130 years the Washington State Grange has worked to make our state a better place for our citizens. We are active in 226 communities throughout the state, providing a wide range of services and offering multiple activities and programs. A public display on our Grange programs will assist in informing the citizens of our state of our programs and achievements.

Grange Month is celebrated in April. We ask that each Grange create a public display to promote the Grange and to focus on the positive impacts the Grange has made in our state.

General Guidelines:

- Each Grange will arrange for their own display area in a prominent public location in their community. The display area may be a window, table, showcase, or

whatever is available for use in your community.

- Each Grange will design a display featuring their projects and activities, with a focus on the positive impacts they have had on the community or state.

- The display should follow the theme "Cultivating Connections".

- A wide variety of Grange programs should be represented (i.e. lecturer programs, community service, youth activities, junior programs, family living, legislative etc.)

- The display must be in place for a minimum of seven days during the month of April.

- Each display must include a Grange logo and contact information for the local Grange.

Contest Information:

- Each Grange is encouraged to take a 3-5 pictures of their display (including one of the complete display).

- Place the pictures in a folder and include a 300-word (maximum) essay describing the display and what you tried to portray.

- Include your Grange name and contact information in the folder.

- Send the folder to the State



Grange Office no later than May 1.

- Pictures of the displays will be used for promotion in The Grange News. In addition, pictures will be displayed at the State Grange Convention.

- Judging will be completed by a committee and will be based on: originality, creativity, design, and overall impact.

- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five displays: \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, and \$10.

All entries should be placed in a folder and sent by May 1 to the Washington State Grange, PO Box 1186, Olympia WA 98507. All entries will be available for pick up at the State Grange Convention.



Hundreds of friends, thousands of likes and still feeling...

disconnected?

Join us at our next open Grange meeting, where we've been cultivating connections since 1867



Learn more about the Grange at www.nationalgrange.org

2020 Grange Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural America during three centuries, advocating for legislative protection for farmers through the Granger Laws in the 1800s; promoting research and education to improve agriculture through the Cooperative Extension Service and Land Grant Colleges and working to expand mail delivery and electricity to rural areas in the 1900s; and encouraging the expansion of broadband internet service and improvement of rural healthcare in the 2000s; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues today to be an active force in thousands of neighborhoods across the country, cultivating connections between people, communities, and organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Grange provides leadership, motivation, and education to bring together rural and urban families and offers them opportunities for personal growth and individual expression; and

WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process, cultivating connections between citizens and their government; and

WHEREAS, The Grange promotes service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of their highly respected organization;

THEREFORE, I Betsy E. Huber, Master of the National Grange, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as Grange Month, and further I do encourage the participation of each Junior, Community, Pomona, and State Grange in this celebration of Grange past and future by planning and executing programs and activities that will highlight the Grange in their respective communities.

Betsy E. Huber

Betsy E. Huber
Master/President, National Grange

April 2020 Grange Month: Greetings from Betsy Huber

By Betsy E. Huber
Master/President
National Grange



Betsy E. Huber

Brothers and Sisters,

April is Grange Month, and we are thrilled to celebrate our 153rd year of National Grange. Once again it's time for us to applaud the greatest organization, The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

We have a proud history of supporting, educating, advocating, and sometimes fighting for rural Americans. I hope that you have made plans to celebrate our 153rd year and our continued efforts to improve-- increasing the skills, talents, and knowledge of our members, making our communities better places to live, providing common sense solutions to our State and Nation. In this time of extreme partisanship, incivility, and lack of respect for our fellow men and women, the Grange is needed more than ever.

Our traditions of civic involvement, open discussions of difficult issues, civil discourse and respect for all, make Grange a valuable contributor to every community across America. We need to let our neighbors know that by making a special effort to

open the doors of your hall and welcoming interested residents of your community to an activity. Or step outside your hall and share the benefits of our Order with the good citizens that live nearby. We have often been the best kept secret but we need to change that now!

Our theme this year is "Cultivating Connections" and Grange Month is the perfect time to do just that. As I talk with Grangers and others throughout our country, I find people who are interested and enthused about our organization. Youth and young adults seek opportunities to learn and improve themselves for better careers and better lives. Parents tell me of the challenges that society

often places in the way of teaching their children American values. The newly retired are looking for places to give back or develop interests that they postponed during their careers. To all of these, the Grange is the solution-- all they need is an invitation to be a part of our family.

Please cultivate those connections in your community and invite some of these folks to join our organization this month. Share with them what your community Grange does and give them the opportunity to be part of our national organization. And most of all, celebrate and have fun!



Convention Info

JUNE 24 - 27, 2020

131st Annual State Grange Convention

Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Writing Resolutions

Each and every Grange member can take an active part in policy development by writing resolutions. If members are concerned about an issue or the way the Grange is conducting operations, writing an effective resolution is the first step toward change. Take time to consider issues that will make a difference in members' lives. Think about how realistic results can be achieved. Discuss ideas at Grange meetings, and consider input from all members. Prior to finalizing a resolution, have someone, other than the writer, read it aloud to the group to check for clarity, wording and sentence structure. Please don't use abbreviations.

KNOW YOUR FACTS: Identify the problem. It is essential that the writer has a clear understanding of the subject matter. Before writing a resolution, check current Grange Policy (in the annual Legislative Handbook). It is important to know what the existing policy is in order to know what portion needs to be changed. It is also important to know how the law reads. Resolutions are much more effective when they are clear about what needs to be changed. Resolutions that inadvertently include inaccurate information can damage the credibility of the organization. The Washington State Grange office is available to assist with background research on existing laws and policy.

STATEMENT OF ACTION: The resolution must clearly state the desired action to be taken and who is to act. Consider the goal of the resolution, what are the intended results? What course of action is required for an acceptable solution?

CONTACT PERSON: Each resolution must include the name and daytime telephone number of one or more contact persons who are knowledgeable about the issue. This will assist the legislative department in preparing background information for the convention committee.

FISCAL IMPACT: If the resolution relates to Grange law or Grange activities and would cost money to implement, a fiscal impact statement must be prepared showing the cost of implementation. It is important that such resolutions come in early so the Executive Committee can review the cost estimate prior to convention. This statement of cost may be on a separate sheet of paper from the actual resolution.

SEND TO: Resolutions should be sent prior to deadline to the State Grange headquarters in Olympia.

RECOMMENDED FORMAT

- Title** - Should clearly reflect the issue.
- Problem statement** - Clearly state the problem and why it is a problem. This should be stated in two or three short paragraphs. Statements should be concise and factually correct.
- Action statement** - State the action requested.
- If the resolution is to be sent to other Granges, please identify which group** - all community Granges, all Pomona Granges or both. A fee will be charged for this service.
- Authorization** - State the name of the Grange and the date the resolution was passed. The resolution must then be signed by the master and secretary and have the Grange seal affixed.
- Contact person(s)** - Name and daytime telephone number.



State Convention Housing Options

The Washington State Grange Convention will be held June 24-27 at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds. In preparation for the convention, the host committee has provided the following list of hotels in the area. Convention attendees should make their reservations soon as there are other events happening in the area. Rates listed may be off-season average rates.

Best Western Plus Walla Walla Suites Inn - 7 E. Oak Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-4700. Average room rate: \$84.

LaQuinta Inn & Suites by

Wyndham Walla Walla - 776 Silverstone Drive, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-394-8815. Average room rate: \$79.

The FINCH - 325 E. Main Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-956-4994. Average room rate: \$119

Comfort Inn & Suites - 1419 W. Pine Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-522-3500. Average room rate: \$78.

Hampton Inn & Suites Walla Walla - 1531 Kelly Place, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-1398. Average room rate: \$111. The closest hotel to the fairgrounds.

Marcus Whitman Hotel &

Conference Center - 6 W. Rose Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-2200. Average room rate: \$126.

Courtyard by Marriott Walla Walla - 550 W. Rose Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-876-8100. Average room rate: \$137.

Quality Inn & Suites - 520 N. 2nd Avenue, Walla Walla WA 99362, phone 509-240-8413. Average room rate: \$55.

Super 8 by Wyndham Walla Walla - 2315 Eastgate Street, Walla Walla WA 99362; phone 509-525-8800. Average room rate: \$46.

2020 WA State Grange Convention RV Reservations

Bring your RV to the 2020 State Grange Convention at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds. There will be water and electric hook-ups for \$25 a night and tent camping for just \$5 per night. Please sign up early as there are only a few 100 sights available. We will be very close to all activities as well as restrooms and showers.

Please mail your RV reservation forms by May 30th to James Lyle at 307E Cooper St., Colfax, WA 99111. Please make checks payable to the "Washington State Grange NE District".

GRANGE CONVENTION RV PARKING RESERVATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Grange Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Arrival _____ # of Nights _____

Please circle your RV hook-up choice: Tent Camping (\$5 a night) Elec. & Water (\$25 a night)

Total amount paid: _____ RV License #: _____ Length of RV: _____

Mail by May 30 to: James Lyle at 307E Cooper St., Colfax, WA 99111

Resolution E-Mail Sign-ups

Send us your email at skeller@wa-grange.org to receive the resolutions that have been approved by the state Executive Committee and ready to be presented at the 2020 State Grange Convention in Walla Walla, WA. We will begin emailing after the April 2020 Executive Committee Meeting.

Do you LOVE taking photos? Will you be attending State Convention?

We are looking for people who would like to help capture the memories of this year's convention in Walla Walla. What do we need? Someone with a camera, not afraid to snap candid shots of various activities around the fairgrounds. Once convention is over, please forward your photos to grangenews@wa-grange.org.



A Hands-on Civics Experience – National Grange Legislative Fly-In

By Leslie Wells
State Lecturer

I thought that when I got out of high school, I was finished with Civics lessons. You remember that class where you learned about our country's government and how it was designed to function. Over the days of February 6th – 8th, I participated in the National Grange sponsored Legislative Fly-In to New Hampshire. There were a total of 30 of us participating which included some staff from National Grange, 3 van drivers and the two local Grangers that were our "guides." As you would expect, most were from the New England states: NH – 14, CT – 2, MA – 1, and RI – 2. Other states represented were PA – 7, VA – 1, KS – 1 and WA – 1 (me) and one from Washington DC.

The week-end started with a pizza and welcome get-together at our hotel in Concord, NH. We had an opportunity to meet each other and visit for a bit before Burton Eller, National Grange Legislative Director reviewed the agenda for the weekend. We also heard from Tara Sad and Bob Hafner, past NH Legislative Agriculture Chairpersons and NH Grange members, who shared with us the functioning of the NH Legislature.

On Friday morning we went to the NH State House in Concord

for a tour of the building and presentations from the Speaker of the House, the Deputy Speaker and the Secretary of State. We learned that NH holds the first Presidential Primary in the country because the legislature passed a bill that gives the Secretary of State the authority to set the Primary date so it is always the first one to be held. Following lunch in the cafeteria, the agenda included a visit to the Amoskeag Mills Museum in Manchester. I skipped this activity because the "jet lag" hit me big time so I went back to the hotel and napped. That evening many of us met in the breakfast area at the hotel and watched the Democratic Presidential debate that was being held down the road in Manchester. It was interesting to discuss the candidate's positions and performances at the conclusion and then see if the national pundits agreed with our conclusions.

Saturday morning started with breakfast at the NH Grange Headquarters building. While it is very different from ours – it looks like a Grange hall; it has a small museum in one room, a large room that they said is used basically for Junior and Youth activities and drill practices and a kitchen/dining area. We had a very filling breakfast before loading back up to go to our next activity of the day.

When we signed up for the Fly-

In, we were given the opportunity to visit a campaign location and make calls, go out canvassing or do any other activity they may have needed help with. Participation in this activity was completely voluntary and we were told to not wear clothing that identified us as Grange members so as not to cause confusion. We all know that the Grange is a non-partisan organization so it might seem odd that this activity would be included in our experience; however, campaign work is part of the civic experience we know of as an election. We could go to any of the candidates that had offices in the area and we had representatives that went to the Sanders, Warren, Klobuchar, Buttigieg, Biden and Trump campaigns. Later in the day we met at the Doubletree Hotel for lunch and a presentation from a reporter for Business Insider who shared his experiences covering campaign candidates.

In the past, this stop at the Doubletree included being able to attend and observe some of the major network broadcasts that were taking place in the afternoon. Unfortunately, this year all of those areas were closed to the public. This situation prompted a discussion about perhaps changing the next Fly-In to include attending some of the candidate rallies that were being held on Sunday around Concord, Manchester and Nashua.

The day ended with everyone gathering for dinner at a local seafood restaurant for fellowship and the sharing of thoughts about this civic experience. When asked "Would you do this again?" my answer was yes – especially if the format is changed to include some rallies.

This week-end civic experience has reminded me that it is important that we as citizens take part in the processes that have endured since our Founding Fathers put to paper the words that established our democracy. I would encourage everyone to get involved in your local civic opportunities.



Leslie volunteered to work at the Amy Klobuchar campaign. Her duties included making telephone calls.



Those attending the fly-in pose for a picture in the hotel between workshops.



Part of the fly-in was a tour of the New Hampshire State Capitol in Concord. This is the assembly room of the state house.

Convention Info

Grange Convention Meals Scheduled

Tickets are now available for two meals at the Annual State Grange Convention. Both meal functions will be held on Thursday, June 25 at the fairgrounds in a nearby building to the business sessions. Those functions are: The following group meals have been scheduled for the convention:

- **Family Living Breakfast:** Thursday, June 25 at 7 a.m. The cost is \$15 per person for a full breakfast.
- **Celebration Banquet:** Thursday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. The menu will be chicken and/or beef or both.

Daily lunches will not be available this year at the fairgrounds. There are numerous food establishments within a few blocks of the fairgrounds. Convention planners wish for us to utilize the services of those establishments, thus allowing the entire Walla Walla community to benefit from our presence in their community.

Additional meal functions, such as the Has Beens Luncheon and the GROW Club Dinner will be scheduled at a later date at restaurants in the Walla Walla area.

2020 GRANGE CONVENTION MEAL ORDER FORM

Name _____

Grange Name _____

Telephone _____

E-mail (if available) _____

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THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Family Living Breakfast _____ @ \$15 each = \$ _____

Celebration Banquet _____ @ \$25 each = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Tickets will be packaged and may be picked up at the registration desk during the convention.

Ticket orders must be received by June 1. Extra tickets, if available, may be purchased at the convention.

Make checks payable to: Eastern WA Grange Convention.

Mail ticket order form to:

Terry Ferguson, 123 Gallaher Road, Waitsburg WA 99361.

Now's a Great Time to Support the Washington State Grange Foundation

Here's how you can help:

Do you shop at Amazon?
Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile will donate to the Washington State Grange Foundation when you do your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/91-6064592 (you can also search by our name, the Washington State Grange Foundation). By remembering to shop at smile.amazon.com, Washington State Grange Foundation can significantly increase its AmazonSmile donations (you MUST shop at AmazonSmile not just the normal Amazon website).

Are you a Fred Meyer Customer?
Support the Washington State Grange Foundation just by shopping at Fred Meyer with your Rewards Card. You are now able to link your Rewards Card to your favorite nonprofit by visiting customer service desk at your local Fred Meyer or by creating an account online and linking your rewards card to the Washington State Grange Foundation (account # DI486). Whenever you use your Rewards Card when shopping at Freddy's, you will be helping our organization earn a donation from Fred Meyer. They are donating \$2.6 million each year - up to \$650,000 each quarter - to the local schools, community organizations and nonprofits of your choice. All you have to do is link your Rewards Card and scan it every time you shop at Fred Meyer.

Spotlight on Youth & Juniors

Youth

Updates/Changes On Youth Programs

By Jerry Gwin
State Youth Director



Jerry Gwin

The Youth Department has a few updates to bring to your attention.

Candidates for National Grange Youth Ambassador must attend the Regional Youth Conference this year and must participate in the conference with a prepared speech. There will be a separate class for youth ambassador candidates. This year's regional conference will be August 7-9 in Boise, Idaho.

Candidates for the National Grange Youth Officer Team must participate in either the prepared speech contest or the impromptu speaking contest at the regional contest.

The Youth Achievement Awards have been replaced by the GRANGE Pillar Project. Details can be found in the National Grange Youth Program Guide and on the National Grange Youth website: www.nationalgrangeyouth.org

The Youth Department is also sponsoring a display contest this year. The goal of this contest is to create either a digital or folding display that could be utilized at a county fair, library, Grange open house or other forum to promote the Grange, a Grange forum, or a Grange issue. Entries for this contest should be brought to the State Grange Convention in June, where we will display them for all to see at our convention.

A new category has been added to the public speaking contest this year. The radio spot is no more and has been replaced by a "Grange Commercial". A Grange commercial is an advertisement promoting the Grange. Prior to the State Grange Convention, the participant must film and edit themselves doing a commercial for the Grange. The commercial can include up to five people and should last between 30 and 60 seconds. The participants must include a written script. Commercials should be turned in a flash drive prior to the opening of the State Grange Convention to the State Youth Director. Note: there is a category for 36 years and over in this contest, thus non-youth Grangers are invited to participate.

The changes in these contests signify the emphasis on Grange promotion and the leadership development opportunities we hope to promote to our youth members.

Let's work to increase our participation levels in all our youth programs this year!

Juniors

Washington Junior Grangers Are Making An Impact

By Heather Ferguson
Junior Grange Director



Heather Ferguson

The Juniors in our state really have their work cut out for them. During our recent travels, I had the opportunity to speak with many Junior Leaders and committee members. The plans they have made for the year are impressive both in their ambition and wide variety of projects. I'm looking forward to seeing many of these at State Convention in June.

Many long term projects have been planned for several of the Junior Granges and 1+ members. Fargher Lake Junior Grange #49 is embarking on a year of learning about photography which will include instruction on camera use, photo composition, subject choice and lighting. The Valley Grange #1048 Junior Grangers are planning on planting a summer garden and donating produce to their local food

bank. Both of these projects sound like so much fun and are great learning experiences that can be used in the future.

There are also many smaller projects planned for our Juniors around the State. Several have plans to learn about food preservation, baking and cooking for at home use and by helping the Subordinate Grange in their fundraising ventures. I was also made aware of the many fun craft and sewing projects the Juniors will be completing, including making hats for the homeless, creating Valentines for Veterans and crafting a wide variety of fun take home projects.

If that does not seem like enough, many Juniors are planning on doing some really fun activities. Of course, Junior Grange Camp or camping is a definite on most Juniors list. However, I did hear

about a few picnics, beach days and swimming trips that are in the plans. Hopefully, the fun we will have at State Convention will also make the list for many of our Juniors.

I am so proud of the Junior Granges and 1+ members in our state. They continuously surprise me with the wide variety of projects and service projects they have planned. Our Juniors creativity, enthusiasm and willingness to learn need to be an example for us all.

JUNIOR GRANGE 2020 CAMP DATES

June 21-27.....Camp Wooten
July 5-10.....Camp David
July 12-18.....Camp Morehead
July 19-25.....Camp NEWA
July 19-26.....Camp Mayfield
August 2-7.....Camp Cornet Bay

Washington State Grange Offers Scholarships

Scholarships are offered each year through the Washington State Grange Foundation to assist Grange members attending college or children of Grange members. Applications for the scholarships will be taken through April 1 of each year for the following school year. Requirements vary for the different scholarships. Additional information about the State Grange Scholarship program and an application form are available by writing, calling, or emailing the Washington State Grange. Forms are also available online at www.wa-grange.org

A summary of the available scholarships is as follows:

Family Living Scholarships -

Two categories of scholarships are offered each year from funds collected by the Grange Family Living Department. The number of \$750 one-year scholarships granted depends upon the amount of funds accumulated during the previous year. One Family Living scholarship category is for students pursuing vocational education. The other category is for individuals enrolled in home economics studies. Applicants for the family living scholarships must have been Grange members for at least one year.

Agricultural Scholarships -

Applicants for these scholarships must be high school seniors or graduates already enrolled in institutions of higher learning. They must be Grange members, or sons or daughters of Washington State Grange members. The one-year scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or degree in some field of agriculture. This includes community colleges. The recipients must be majoring in some field of agriculture (or home economics for the Bozarth grants). Payments will be made directly to the college after notification of student's registration. The agricultural related scholarship include the Kegley Agricultural Scholarships (must have completed two years of college), the Norman Buchholz Agricultural Scholarship (up to \$2,500), the Kittleson Memorial Agricultural Scholarships, the Horace Bozarth Scholarship (Ag or Home Economics), the Kiona-Benton (Koss Memorial) Scholarship, and the Martin & Grace Forry Scholarship.

General Scholarships -

Applicants for these scholarships must be high school seniors or graduates already enrolled in institutions of higher learning. They must be Grange members, or sons

or daughters of Washington State Grange members. The scholarships may be used at any institution offering courses leading to a certificate or degree in a recognized profession or vocation. Each scholarship is for one year and is a minimum of \$750. Payments will be made directly to the college after notification of student's registration. The general scholarships include the Delpha Goude Scholarship, the Marion & Snowie Vanderpool Scholarship, the Riverview Grange Scholarship, the Fox Island Grange Scholarship, the Nob Hill Grange Scholarship, the Ray & Marian Kamerrer Scholarships, the Enga M. Anderson Scholarship, the Bear Creek Scholarship, the Rock Creek Scholarship, the French Creek Scholarship, the McCleary Grange Scholarship, and the Pomona Villa Scholarship.

Marie Snyder Memorial Scholarship -

Applicant must be a senior at Kahlotus or Washtucna schools or a member of Ralston Grange.

Only applicants should request the application forms. All portions of completed applications must be in the State Grange Office by **April 1**. Applications will be available to download from the WA State Grange website: www.wa-grange.org.

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Thursday, March 12, 9 p.m. Eastern

CALLING ALL YOUTH & Y/YA DIRECTORS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Zoom meeting covering the 2020 Youth and Young Adult Handbook and Programs with a Q&A with the National Director

Join online at <https://zoom.us/j/856920390>
or by phone at (646) 876-9923; meeting ID: 856920390

Visit us on the web:
www.wa-grange.org

Find us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/WashingtonStateGrange

Home & Family

Family Living

Candy Is The Word Today

By Helen Berg
Family Living Director



Helen Berg

for a certain amount of time. Be sure you have a full rolling boil and do not short your time. Fantasy fudge is one of these recipes.

Uncooked candy requires very little heat. Your recipe may ask you to melt the chocolate in a double boiler, sauce pan with the milk, or in the microwave. In all these recipes you are not having to boil thus it is an uncooked candy. It is not recommended that raw eggs are used in uncooked candy.

Here is recipe I got off the internet that sounds yummy.

- 2 sticks butter
- 2 lbs confectioners' sugar
- 2 c. ground or finely chopped pecans
- 2 c. coconut

During the recent leadership conferences the subject of what constitutes cooked or non-cooked candy came up more than once. Cooked candy is usually boiled for a length of time using a candy thermometer to bring it up to a certain temperature, ie, soft ball at 250 degrees or hard ball at about 265 degrees and so on. Your candy thermometer indicates these temps. Be sure to make adjustments for altitudes. For every 1000 ft subtract 2 degrees. There are many sites on the internet which will help you when making candy. There are also cooked recipes which tell you to boil

- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
 - 1 (12 oz.) pkg. chocolate bits
 - 1/8 lb. paraffin wax
- Melt butter; add next 4 ingredients. Shape into desired shapes, place on wax paper-lined cookie sheet to harden. Melt chocolate bits and paraffin over hot water. Dip balls into chocolate mixture. Place on wax paper to set. ENJOY



A Plant-Based, Dairy-Inspired Dish

(Courtesy of Family Features)

With the rise in popularity of plant-based diets and dishes, combining them with dairy products can create a superfood power couple. For example, the cheddar cheese found in these vegetarian stuffed peppers helps optimize nutrient absorption from the rice, black beans, corn and tomatoes to create a nutritious appetizer or meal.

Find more recipes that combine the goodness of dairy and plant-based foods at <http://www.milkmeansmore.org>.

Vegetarian Stuffed Peppers

Start to finish: 50 minutes Serves: 6

Ingredients:

- 6 large sweet bell peppers
- 1/2 cup diced sweet onion
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 1 cup frozen corn, thawed
- 1 1/2 cups cooked black beans plain (drained and rinsed if using canned beans)
- 2 cups cooked brown rice
- 1/2 teaspoon chipotle chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided

Directions:

Heat the oven to 350 F. Line a rimmed half sheet pan with nonstick aluminum foil. Slice the tops off the sweet bell peppers. Use a spoon to scoop the seeds and white membranes from the insides of the peppers. Discard the pepper tops and seeds. Place the peppers onto the prepared half sheet pan; set aside briefly.

In a large bowl, stir together the diced onion, cherry tomatoes, corn, black beans and brown rice until combined. Sprinkle the chili powder, oregano, salt and pepper over top before stirring to distribute the seasonings throughout. Fold 1 cup of the cheddar cheese into the filling, reserving the remaining cheese for later.

Stuff the open cavities of the sweet bell peppers tightly with filling, mounding a bit of the filling over the top edge of the peppers. Sprinkle the remaining cheddar cheese over top of the filling. Bake the stuffed peppers for 30 to 35 minutes or until filling is heated through, the peppers soften, and the exteriors begin to wrinkle. Serve immediately.

Community Service

WA Grange Mourns Loss Of State Community Service Director

By Tom Gwin
WA State Grange Master

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Yvonne Knuth, State Grange Community Service Director. Her obituary appears below.

Knowing that Yvonne had been ill for the past few months, we made the decision to have all community service reports and nominations sent to the WA State Grange Office. This will include nominations for the Community Recognition Awards Program (Firefighter, Police Officer, Teacher, Volunteer, and Group). These applications are due on April 15.

The Grange Community Service Reports are due June 1. This will include both the reports and notebooks. We have the box set up for when those reports arrive.

In the interim, I am looking for a new Community Service Director for the Washington State Grange. While Yvonne did a great job in implementing the changes at the national level into our state program, I am looking for a director who will take our program to the next level in promoting Grange community service projects across our state in every community. Interested persons should contact me at the State Grange Office or via email at tagwin@wa-grange.org



Yvonne Knuth Obituary

Yvonne Rae Knuth passed away on February 22, 2020 after a short illness. She was born on December 6, 1940 to Kenneth and Wilma (Pittman) Knuth. She grew up in Spangle, WA until the family moved to Ritzville, WA in 1955.

Yvonne graduated from Ritzville High School in 1959 and received her BA in Education from Eastern Washington University. She taught one year in Springfield, OR before spending 30 years of teaching and coaching in Castle Rock, WA. Yvonne was an active member in the Castle Rock Community. She was a member of the Castle

Rock Fair and the Cowlitz County Fair. She was a Past President of the Washington State Fairs Association and received their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018.

Yvonne was a member of Sunnyside Grange, the Cowlitz County Pomona Grange, and the Washington State Grange. She served several years as the Southwest District Youth Director. In 2015, she accepted the appointment of Community Service Director for the Washington State Grange.

She is survived by brothers Vaughn Knuth and Dale (Dianna)

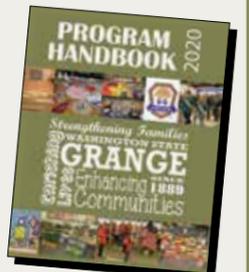
Knuth; sister Shirley (Randy) Roth; nephews Nick Roth and Damon (Morgane) Roth; great-nephews and nieces Rudy Roth, Freya Roth, Willa Roth, and Josa Roth; and by a good family friend, Brian Flatt.

There will be no funeral or memorial service at her request. Her ashes will be placed in the Spangle Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Yvonne Knuth Estate, PO Box 993, Castle Rock WA 98611. Funds will be used to build a memorial garden bench at The Villager, her last home, or you may give to a charity of your choice.

Your 2020 Program Handbook Is Nearby

This year's Washington State Grange Program Handbook is available through department heads, at the leadership conferences in your area and as an online publication. It is right at your fingertips at any time on the State Grange website.

Refer to the Handbook often for details about contests and programs from each Grange department. Valuable information about Grange Foundation and GIA scholarships is also in the handbook.



<http://wa-grange.com/downloads/ProgramHandbook.pdf>

Download the Handbook file to your PC for ready access.

Grange Connection

ADAMS COUNTY

Ralston Grange enjoyed a presentation from Lloyd Stoess of the Washtucna Historical Museum at their February meeting. He told of new events planned by the Palouse Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute. The Grange is making plans for their 90th Anniversary Celebration. The Annual Cribbage Tournament was held on February 23 at the Grange Hall.

COWLITZ COUNTY

Rose Valley Grange will be hosting a sock hop, April 19th from 2-5 pm. Come join the fun. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th from 11-1. Sewing club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 10-12. Everyone is welcome. Our meetings are the second Tuesdays at 3 pm.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

East Oakville Grange hosted State master Tom Gwin at their February meeting. There was a discussion over the next improvement projects for the Grange Hall. The women's restroom project is now completed with new fixtures, a vanity, baby changing station, flooring laminate, and painted walls. It is such an improvement over the old restroom. The Grange will be holding their Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 11.

Elma Grange will host a clothing and formal dress exchange on April 11. The Grange will also host the Pomona Grange Basket Bingo on April 18.

Humtulpis Grange will have their 7th Annual Fund-Raising Auction coming up on April 11. Originally started to fund the purchase of the Grange Hall, the proceeds will now go toward the operation and maintenance of the hall. Nearly 200 items have been collected for the auction, including hotel stays, chainsaw carvings, gift baskets, firewood, loads of gravel, restaurant gift certificates, and much more.

Satsop Grange holds a flea market on the first weekend of the month, the next one being April 4-5. There is a wide variety of vendors. Lunch is available.

Sharon Grange has scheduled their Annual Oyster Feed for Saturday, April 18 from 12 to 7 p.m.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Quimper Grange is having an Instrument Sale ON Saturday, March 14th 1-3pm. Free event!! Musical instruments and other music-related items welcome. Table space available at \$10 for every 3'. See www.quimpergrange.com or write to quimpergrange@gmail.com for

more details. Quimper Grange will celebrate their 100th Anniversary on April 25.

KLICKITAT COUNTY

Goldendale Grange distributed 90 dictionaries to all third graders attending Goldendale public school and the Seventh Day Adventist School. Our Building committee recommended replacement of 18 -73-year old florescent light fixtures with modern efficient LED fixtures in the old hall. Committee was appointed to contact local power company for possible assistance and make contact with electrical contractors for their suggestions. Goldendale Grange Birthday Party will be held Sunday, March 8, at the new hall. The event is open to the public will start a 12 p.m. potluck meal, everyone is invited. AARP sponsored tax preparation for seniors starts February 15 and run through April 15, every Friday and Saturday at the New Hall.

LEWIS COUNTY

Hope Grange hand delivers close to 100 dictionaries to 3rd grade students from Evaline, Napavine and Winlock elementary schools. Hope Grange has received multiple Thank You notes from the students and what these students have written is the reason this tradition continues. These notes are one of the many reasons Hope Grange is appreciative of our community through common-wealth pride and fundraising support! We thank YOU!! Come on over and have some fun by playing Pinochle Monday and Thursday nights, 6pm sharp - 9ish!

PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Grange has their consignment auction on April 11 at 5 p.m. Items for consignment are accepted on Thursday and Friday prior to the auction.

North River Grange is preparing for their Spring Seed Exchange and Community Dinner. The Grange continues to sponsor the North River Food Bank.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Green Bluff Grange welcomed new members Jordan Kuhkney and Fred Lear. We also draped the charter for departed grange members. Our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off took place on February 4. We had 6 chili entries—Ellie, Priscilla, Gary, Linda, Bruce and Matthew. The weather turned bad that day so not a lot of people came out, but we still made \$125 for our scholarship fund. The people's choice was Gary and Ellie in a tie with Gary ending up 1st place. We held our annual Candle Lighting Ceremony at our February 18

meeting along with getting our 2020 calendar of events finalized. March 3 @ 7 p.m. BINGO will be held. Open to all ages with prizes for winners with no money involved. The last Sunday "all you can eat pancake breakfasts" coming up are March 29 and April 26. April is Grange Month with our Community Event being held on April 7. The Green Bluff Home Ec. Club will hold their annual Spring Dinner at the Grange on Saturday, April 18. Scholarship info is being disseminated as applications are due April 1. Hopefully spring is in the air and we'll start seeing flowers blooming and lots of sunshine.

STEVENS COUNTY

Camas Valley Grange experienced January storms that prevented a January meeting. On February 1, a number of people came out and enjoyed BINGO - the first game prize was a nice set of cookware, and the blackout prize was a large sturdy canopy. We all had a great time. The weather did not prevent the February 8 meeting. The new officers were installed, the new members obligated, and there was a full house of Grange members present - including a brand new member! A lot of things were discussed, including proposed resolutions, different nonprofit groups hosting BINGO nights and afternoon Teas, the July Showcase In the Park and Parade, the Senior Lunch Bunch Wednesdays, and local School District needs. More things will be covered in the upcoming meetings.

The Valley Grange voted on and approved some great upcoming events for our community.

We had our Valentines Bingo with a great turnout and lots of new faces. It was a fun night filled with lots of laughs and Bingos and even included a Surprise Birthday Cake for one of our Junior Grange members. Boy was he surprised when all the Bingo players sang Happy Birthday to him. Our Monthly Bingo is March 13 from 6-8, Junior Grange Open House is March 26 from 3:30-6:30, and our First Pinochle Card Party is March 28 from 3-5. We are excited to offer an Easter Carnival this year for the kids with games, prizes and snacks. It should be a good time for all. It is scheduled for April 10 from 5-8. Our bylaws committee is meeting next week, we changed the time of our last meeting to 7pm preceded by a

Potluck Roast and Veggie Dinner. Our turnout for the meeting was great. Make them food, and they will come. Well, spring is almost here, and with it comes lots of great things to do on our agenda. As always, follow and like us on Facebook to keep up to date.

THURSTON COUNTY

Skookumchuck Grange hosted the Tenino FFA who gave us a presentation on Roberts Rules of Order. We voted to donate to their upcoming Live Auction fundraiser. We love our FUTURE FARMERS of America. We voted to renew our Tenino Chamber of Commerce dues as we like partnering with our Community. We talked about the importance of maintaining our Grange building as it is an inexpensive venue for our community and serves as an income for our Grange.

YAKIMA COUNTY

Tieton Grange held a discussion on the future of their Grange. Questions were answered by State Grange Master Tom Gwin and Yakima Pomona Master Ken Tolonen. Several activities are planned in the next few months to raise funds to keep the hall open.

Green Bluff Grange Hosts Chili Cook-Off



Green Bluff Grange's Chili Cook Off featured the Smiling Chili Makers: JoAnn, Priscilla, Gary, Linda with Bruce & Matthew also.

Rose Valley Grange Delivers Fidget Quilts



Rose Valley Grange ladies delivered fidget quilts to the progress center in Longview. The quilts were made by our sewing club at the grange who meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 10am to 12pm.

Issaquah Valley Grange Welcomes Guest Speaker



On February 24 Issaquah Valley Grange #581 welcomed Dick Nelms as a guest speaker for the lecture program. At the age of 19 his mother signed his application for flight school. He flew 35 missions into Germany in a B-17. Dick depended on positive thinking to keep him alive. At the young age of 97 he is the last of his crew still alive. After the war he became a commercial artist.

McLane Grange Donates Dictionaries



McLane Grange donated 30 dictionaries to students in Mrs. Quantell's class at the Olympia Regional Learning Academy (ORLA). Pictured are third grade students holding up their dictionaries as a part of the Words for Thirds project. Each year, April - November, McLane members raise funds through their Delphi Craft and Swap meet in order to purchase supplies for community service projects.

The Grange Exchange

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Pomona Connection

GRAYS HARBOR/ PACIFIC POMONA

Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Grange held a successful bake sale on February 15-16. The next Pomona meeting will feature the baking and candy contests and will be held at the North River Grange Hall. Entries are due at 9 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The Pomona Grange will hold a

Basket Bingo on April 18 at the Elma Grange Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the two fund raising events will go toward sending kids to Junior Grange camp, conducting the county contests, and upcoming Grange service projects.

SKAGIT COUNTY POMONA

Skagit County Pomona Grange #10 on February 5th, at Skagit Valley

Grange hall. Lacey Rude presided over her first meeting as the new Pomona Master. Her first order of business was to ask for volunteers to serve on the various Standing Committees. She was pleased that all but one of the committees has at least one person and most of the have two or more. Some of the committees even gave brief reports that night. Four members will be

attending Legislative Day this year. The following day, we hopefully will have a good turnout at the Leadership Conference. We are looking for donations of fabric and polyfil as we plan to make comfort toys after the contests in April. Some of the members are also making pillowcases for the children in the Family Promise of Skagit Valley program. Our next

Pomona Grange meeting will be at Skagit Valley Grange on March 4th, and the April meeting will be at Fredonia on April 1st. All of the Family Living and Lecturer Contests will be held that day, with entries accepted at Fredonia Grange from 10AM to Noon, judging taking place that afternoon, and all items on display for the meeting that evening at 7PM.

Grange Connection

North River Grange Hosts Spelling Bee



North River Grange Held a Spelling Bee for North River School Students on February 12. Photo is of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in Grades 1 through 6th.

Washington Grange Past Master Receives Pin



Georgia Goff of Washington Grange #82 receives her Past Master Pin from Master Janice Anderson. Georgia served as Master for 12 Years.

Rose Valley Grange Hosts Monthly Dinner/Dancing Event



Rose Valley Grange #953 dancing and dinner. Second Saturday of the month. Dinner from 5-6 pm and dancing 6-9 pm. Our community really enjoyed the evening.



Fruitvale Grange Member Receives 65-Year Award



Fruitvale Grange member Frances Van Cleave is pictured receiving her 65 year award from Yakima Pomona Master, Ken Tolonen, late in 2019.

Barberton Grange Hosts Annual Valentine's Dance



Barberton Grange held its annual Valentine's Dance on February 13th. Steel and Velvet were the house band for the show which is a favorite of the regulars. Lots of good dancing, food, fun and fellowship.

Pomona Calendar

All Pomona Granges are reminded to send their list of 2020 meeting dates, times, and locations to grange@wa-grange.org for inclusion into this calendar.

- CHELAN** March 19, social luncheon at Smitty's in Wenatchee, 11:30 a.m.
March 21, business meeting at 10 a.m., location to be announced.
- CLALLAM** April 15 at Crescent, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting
- CLARK** March 11 at Salmon Creek, 7 p.m.
- COWLITZ/
WAHKIAKUM** March 21 at Rose Valley, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
- EXCELSIOR** March 21 at Clayton, 10:30 a.m. Baking and photo entries due.
- FERRY** April 13 at Eagle Cliff, 5:30 p.m. potluck, 6 p.m. meeting.
- GRAYS HARBOR/
PACIFIC** March 14 at North River, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Baking and candy contest entries due at 9 a.m.
- KING** March 14 at Happy Valley, 10 a.m.
- KITSAP** March 20 at Bainbridge Island, 7:30 p.m.
- KLICKITAT** March 14 at Glenwood, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. meeting.
- LEWIS** March 7 at Mossyrock, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.
April 4 at Oakview.
- MASON** March 21 at Matlock, 11 a.m.
- OKANOGAN** April 11, location to be announced, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- PEND OREILLE** April 11 at Fertile Valley, 10 a.m. Baking contest check in by 9:30 a.m. Potluck lunch at 12 noon.
- PIERCE** March 7 at Fruitland, 10 a.m. Baking and canning contest entries due on March 6 at 9 a.m.
- SKAGIT** March 14 at Skagit Valley, 7 p.m.
- SNAKE RIVER** March 21 at Burbank, 10 a.m. No Host lunch following meeting.
- SNOHOMISH** March 21 at South Lake Stevens, 9 a.m. Baking, canning, and candy contest entries due 7:30 to 9 a.m.
- SPOKANE** March 21, location to be announced, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- STEVENS** April 25 at Kettle River, 11 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck.
- SUNNYSIDE** March 10 at Buena, 7:30 p.m.
- THURSTON** March 5 at Brighton Park. 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Baking and candy contest entries due 5-6 p.m.
- WHATCOM** April 16 at Rome, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Art, craft, and photo contest entries due on April 15, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Baking contest to be held.
- WHITMAN** March 14 at Whelan Ewartsville, 10 a.m. meeting, 12 p.m. potluck. Baking contest and sale to be held.
- YAKIMA** March 20 at Selah Heights, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting.

Grange Connection

Goldendale Grange Hosts Canine Citizenship Ceremony



Goldendale Grange #49, had the distinct privilege of hosting an exclusive citizenship ceremony for “Profi,” Klickitat Counties latest emigrant. “Profi” emigrated from Belgium, is a two-year old Belgian Malinois, he has four legs, and barks. Profi, with his right front paw placed on a Bible became a U.S. Citizen in front of a standing room only crowd at the Goldendale Grange Hall. Following his citizenship ceremony, Klickitat County Sheriff, Bob Songer, performed the swearing in ritual designating Profi as commissioned K9 Deputy Sheriff. K9 Deputy Profi, is partnered with a two-legged human Deputy Gavin Marble. The pair recently completed a 400-hour training course and currently enrolled in another 200-hour training course.

Profi will be assigned to KCSD as a tracking dog – finding hidors or runners, assisting on felony arrests, and finding lost persons. Profi has a unique ability to know the difference between criminal apprehension and finding a lost child. He is trained to attack only on command.

Profi is a community-fund dog, the cost of acquiring him came from community donations. During the Goldendale Grange event the community had the opportunity to purchase a Profi support stickers for \$10.00 each to help support his future training, care and veterinary needs. The Sheriff’s office is also accepting donations at their office.

Annual Grange Resource And Leadership Conferences Completed

The Washington State Grange Leadership Team has completed their annual Grange Resource and Leadership Conference series for this year. There were 17 conferences, held at various locations around the state. Nearly 350 Grange members, representing 113 subordinate Granges attended this years’ series of meetings.

State Grange Master Tom Gwin opened each meeting with introductions the presentation of “Grange in Action” certificates and membership - net gain awards. While there was some variation of the topics discussed, he usually covered the State Grange’s legislative activities,

community service, scholarships, and the Grange News. There were occasions when other issues arose, such as hall rentals, insurance, raffle, property tax exemptions, and were discussed in depth.

State Lecturer Leslie Wells discussed the need for each Grange to have a mission statement developed by the entire membership of the Grange. She asked Grange to send their statements to her to be made into a display at this year’s state Grange convention.

Sophia Keller, Executive Assistant at the State Grange Office, attended most of the conferences to discuss membership development, recruiting and retaining members, Grange publicity, and the use of social media by our Granges.

Following a short break, the group broke down into 2-3 groups to hear from State Lecturer Leslie Wells and Family Living Director Helen Berg on the programs from their departments. Junior Grange Director Heather Ferguson met with those interested in the Junior and Youth programs as well.

Grange program handbooks, legislative policy books, and

packets from each Grange department were distributed at the conferences. If a Grange is missing information, contact the State Grange Office. We will either send the information to you or put you in contact with the proper person who can sent it to you.



(above) Klickitat County delegates representing Mt. View Grange (White Salmon), Glenwood Grange, Centerville Grange and Goldendale at State Grange Leadership Resource Meeting in January.

Grange Camper Clubs

SPOKAMPERS

Central Grange #831 Master, Mike Britton, presenting to Spokane County Pomona Master, Walt Radmer, a check for \$500 for their use to defray expenses of Spokane County campers attending Camp NEWA, 2020.



Grangers Invited To Witness Degrees

All Grange members are invited to witness the Exemplification of the First Four Degrees on Friday, March 27, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Brighton Park Grange Hall in Thurston County.

The four degrees will be performed by the State Grange Deputies, Officers, and Pomona Grange Masters as a part of their annual conference. While parts may not be memorized, the messages and lessons of the degree work are important for all Grange members.

Any questions regarding the explication of the four degrees can be directed to the State Grange office.

Regional Conference Dates Set

The Western Regional Grange Youth and Leaders Conference has been set for August 7-9, 2020 in Boise, Idaho. Registration material will be available later this spring from the State Grange Office.

The Western Regional Grange Conference serves as a leadership training opportunity for our Grange youth and leaders. It also provides an avenue to share ideas with other Grangers in the Western Region. The Grange Youth and Junior Departments hold their regional contests in public speaking, sign-a-song, and Grange Jeopardy at the conference.

The Western Region consists of the Granges in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, and Alaska.

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